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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 15 November 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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25X1 REMARKS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] some of the construction workers employed at Werneuchen airfield were to be transferred to Breslau and not to Koenigsberg/Neumark as was reported previously. Another portion of the laborers were to do improvement work at Neuhardenberg airfield. (1) 25X1 25X1

2. Between 7 and 14 October, 3,200 laborers were employed at Werneuchen airfield. An area of 292,000 square meters of the runway and taxiway was concreted. About two thirds of the spur track were completed. Twenty-two twin-engine aircraft were disassembled. (2)

3. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 13 October, the hangars at the field were closed. No aircraft have been towed out of the hangars since 7 October. [REDACTED] No aircraft crates were shipped from the installation. The same detail, as previously observed, was still stationed there. [REDACTED] the former occupation would return to the field. (3) 25X1 25X1 25X1

4. Incoming personnel observed at the field included 10 Russian women who marched from the railroad station to the field on 11 October; 30 soldiers who arrived on truck [REDACTED] on 13 October; 100 soldiers on three trucks and three additional trucks with baggage and equipment on 14 October; and 50 soldiers who marched from the railroad station to the field on 15 October. [REDACTED] even more personnel arrived at the field because many new officers and soldiers were seen in the town. No trains with troops or equipment were observed arriving between 7 and 15 October. (4) 25X1 25X1

5. [REDACTED] the Werneuchen bakery daily delivered 900 to 1,000 kg of bread to the field. This quantity, when compared with previous deliveries, would mean that the personnel strength had increased by about 400 men. (4) 25X1

6. Motor vehicles observed at the field included sedan [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] on 12 October; trucks [REDACTED] on 13 October; and armored reconnaissance car [REDACTED] on 15 October. 25X1 25X1 25X1

7. The hangars at the field were closed between 3:30 and 5 p.m. on 18 October and no aircraft or aircraft parts were observed outside the hangars. The personnel strength was about 1,000 including the new arrivals. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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Since 15 October, the daily bread deliveries of about 1,000 kg have been increased by about 50 kg.

8. [redacted] about 30 Russian women wearing uniforms were being trained in the throwing of hand grenades and close order drill about 3 p.m. on 16 October. At 3:30 p.m. on 17 October, truck [redacted] occupied by 30 air force officers, and a trailer, loaded with clothes and luggage moved to the field. (3)

9. At 3:40 p.m. on 20 October, truck [redacted] occupied by about 30 air force soldiers with overcoats, entered the field. Another truck [redacted]

[redacted] loaded with bedding, clothes and trunks, followed about 20 minutes later. Motor vehicles which entered and left the field between 17 and 22 October included: trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and tank truck [redacted]

10. The runway and taxiways in the western section of the field were completed and only cleaning work was being done there. Work continued on the taxiway at the east end of the runway of which more than 50 percent was completed. The spur track was built as far as the former airfield boundary. About 200 meters remained to be constructed before the spur track would connect with the old trackage in line with the heating plant. Leveling work was being done in the eastern section of the field. Six cranes, 2 power shovels, and 3 mixing machines in addition to 18 Diesel and steam engines and an estimated additional 15 engines making a total of about 33 engines, were used at the field. No runway, boundary lights, or preparatory work for such installations were observed. (5) No radio installations were observed at the field or in its vicinity.

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The transfer of laborers from Werneuchen to other airfields has not been confirmed [redacted]
- (2) The twin-engine aircraft are probably Pe-2s which were parked in Jueterbog since the bomber regiments at Jueterbog were reequipped with type-27 planes. It appears that the transfer of Pe-2s to the U.S.S.R. has been under way for some weeks.

(3) [redacted]

Werneuchen airfield is to be occupied by bombers from Jueterbog. The two regiments in Jueterbog were previously stationed in Werneuchen.

- (4) The current increase of air force personnel in Werneuchen has been reported for some time. It is unknown where the shipments came from. Some of them probably carried the advance detail of an air unit.
- (5) Work on the taxiway will probably not be completed before 1 November 1951. No further information has been received on the alleged construction of a second taxiway. [redacted]

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